



TRURO

Barnstable County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Truro is a small, rural community of Lower Cape Cod where the quaint and unique character of "Old Cape Cod" is preserved. Truro is rich in history and strongly tied to the sea. It is in Truro where the Pilgrims from the Mayflower found a spring from which they drew their first drink of water in the new land, and where they found a cache of Indian corn, at a place named Corn Hill, that saved them from starvation after their first year.

Truro possesses beautiful beaches on Cape Cod Bay and some of the most magnificent beaches on the Atlantic Ocean. A source of inspiration to artists and beachcombers alike, Truro's beaches, dunes and landscape of rolling hills are an attraction to tourists and vacationers. Home to a diverse year-round population, Truro's permanent population includes fishermen, tradesmen and an ever-growing number of retirees.

The town is home of the famous Cape Cod Light, Cape Cod's oldest lighthouse, which was first erected in 1797 and replaced by the current structure in 1857. The national landmark is in danger of falling into the ocean due to erosion, unless the town and area citizens receive support and cooperation from the federal and state governments. With over half of its land area within the Cape Cod National Seashore District, the residents of Truro are dedicated to preserving the special character of this seashore community.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, at the "wrist" of Cape Cod. Bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on the north and east, Wellfleet on the south, and Cape Cod Bay and Provincetown on the west. Truro is 37 miles north of Hyannis; 106 miles southeast of Boston; 117 miles east of Providence, Rhode Island; and 284 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 26.32 sq. miles

Land Area: 21.06 sq. miles

Population: 1,573

Density: 75 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Provincetown Station)

Normal temperature in January.....29.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.7°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.3"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

North Truro, Wellfleet, Provincetown

Regional Planning Agency

Cape Cod Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 349-3635

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1709

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	1,251		
Democrats	389	31.1	%
Republicans	150	12.0	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	712	56.9	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Truro town, Barnstable County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	2,087	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	2,087	100.0
Male.....	968	46.4	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	24	1.1
Female.....	1,119	53.6	Mexican.....	5	0.2
Under 5 years.....	72	3.4	Puerto Rican.....	4	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	99	4.7	Cuban.....	3	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	136	6.5	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	12	0.6
15 to 19 years.....	91	4.4	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	2,063	98.9
20 to 24 years.....	51	2.4	White alone.....	1,974	94.6
25 to 34 years.....	198	9.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	369	17.7	Total population.....	2,087	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	427	20.5	In households.....	1,980	94.9
55 to 59 years.....	168	8.0	Householder.....	907	43.5
60 to 64 years.....	122	5.8	Spouse.....	420	20.1
65 to 74 years.....	190	9.1	Child.....	436	20.9
75 to 84 years.....	129	6.2	Own child under 18 years.....	346	16.6
85 years and over.....	35	1.7	Other relatives.....	48	2.3
Median age (years).....	45.7	(X)	Under 18 years.....	13	0.6
18 years and over.....	1,723	82.6	Nonrelatives.....	169	8.1
Male.....	790	37.9	Unmarried partner.....	83	4.0
Female.....	933	44.7	In group quarters.....	107	5.1
21 years and over.....	1,681	80.5	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	434	20.8	Noninstitutionalized population.....	107	5.1
65 years and over.....	354	17.0	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	163	7.8	Total households.....	907	100.0
Female.....	191	9.2	Family households (families).....	515	56.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	192	21.2
One race.....	2,059	98.7	Married-couple family.....	420	46.3
White.....	1,985	95.1	With own children under 18 years.....	143	15.8
Black or African American.....	39	1.9	Female householder, no husband present.....	72	7.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	9	0.4	With own children under 18 years.....	38	4.2
Asian.....	8	0.4	Nonfamily households.....	392	43.2
Asian Indian.....	1	-	Householder living alone.....	290	32.0
Chinese.....	3	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	113	12.5
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	208	22.9
Japanese.....	3	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	263	29.0
Korean.....	1	-	Average household size.....	2.18	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	2.76	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	0.1	Total housing units.....	2,551	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	907	35.6
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	1,644	64.4
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	1,552	60.8
Some other race.....	16	0.8	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.7	(X)
Two or more races.....	28	1.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	11.5	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	907	100.0
White.....	2,008	96.2	Owner-occupied housing units.....	707	77.9
Black or African American.....	47	2.3	Renter-occupied housing units.....	200	22.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	16	0.8	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.25	(X)
Asian.....	9	0.4	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.94	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	5	0.2			
Some other race.....	32	1.5			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Truro is situated on Cape Cod, a 65-mile long sandy peninsula comprising Barnstable County. The Cape has excellent highway, rail, bus and air connections to other parts of New England. Air, bus, and passenger rail service expand during the summer months to accommodate the large numbers of tourists.

Major Highways

The principal highway is the Mid-Cape Highway, U.S. Route 6.

Rail

There is no freight rail service, but the network of intermodal facilities serving eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island is easily accessible.

Bus

Truro is a member of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), which operates a b-bus demand response service. The Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company offers service to Hyannis, connecting to Boston.

Other

The Provincetown Municipal Airport in neighboring Provincetown offers scheduled airline service. The facility has a 3,498' long asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. The Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway offers bus service to Hyannis with a connection to Logan Airport and also connects with the Boston Ferry in Provincetown.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Truro Historical Museum

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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